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Dear Dr. Briton:

Heller?
I recently learned rather indirectly that you had some interest in the phenomenon of orientation of bacteria or other microscopic particles in electrostatic fields. Some work was recently published in the newspapers and in Nature very briefly mentioning such an effect and one of the graduate students in Biophysics here endeavored to repeat and to understand the phenomenon. He had only indifferent success and I wondered if you would be able to give more details on what is happening. Are there any respectable publications on this?

Yours cordially,

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